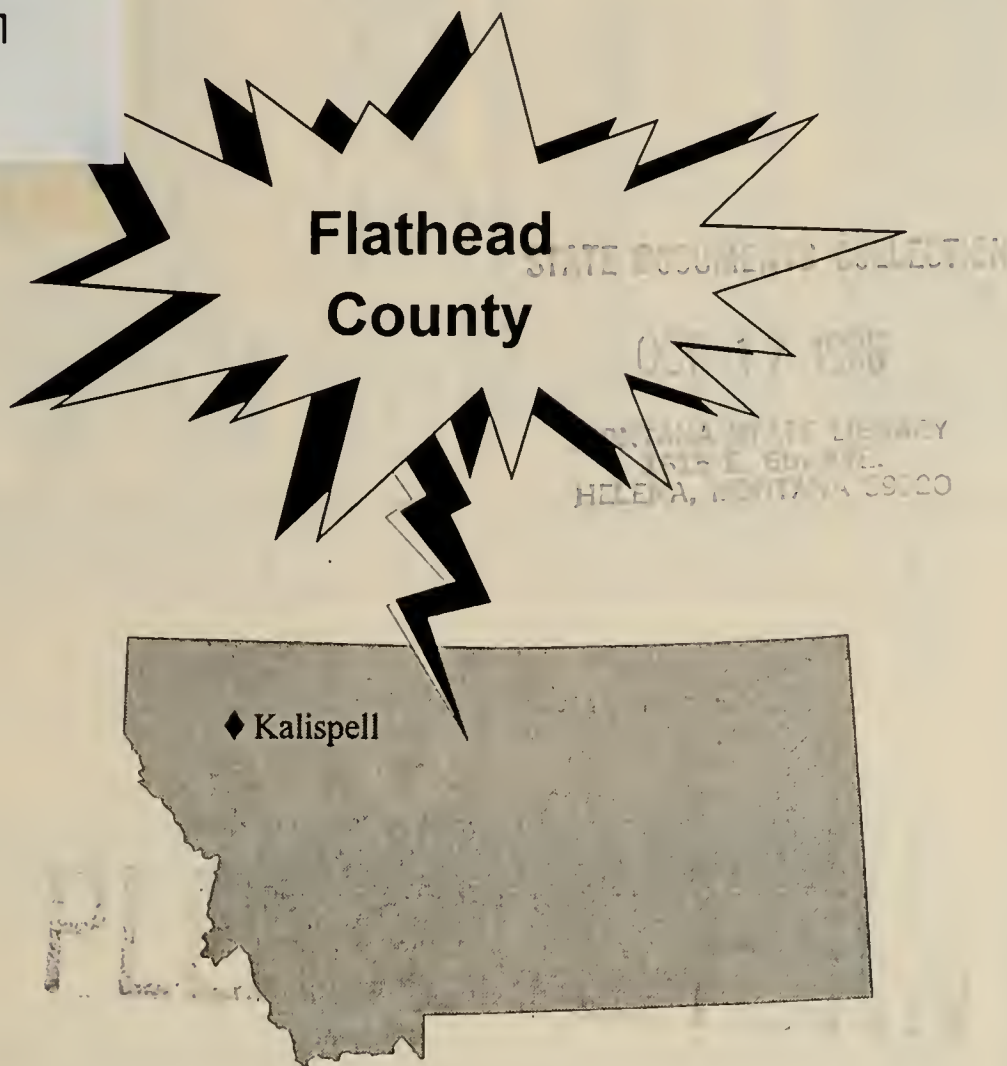


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Creston	◆	Essex	◆	Hungry Horse	◆	Kalispell	◆	Kila
Lake McDonald	◆	Lakeside	◆	Martin City	◆	Marion	◆	Olney
Polebridge	◆	Somers	◆	West Glacier	◆	Whitefish		

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Flathead County

Located in northwestern Montana, Flathead County is Montana's fourth most populous with 59,218 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city with a population of 11,917. The city is the trade center of northwest Montana and located at the junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 93. The area is renowned for its Flathead cherries and Christmas tree farms. It's also a gateway to Glacier National Park and located between the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana's largest, and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Flathead County households in 1989 was \$24,145. The county is 5,256.6 square miles in area; 5,098.6 square miles in land area and 158.0 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average normal monthly temperatures, for example in Kalispell, range from an average high of 27.0 degrees above in January to 82 above in July. The annual average rainfall is 15.93 inches; snowfall 66.10 inches and average growing season 108-115 days.

Flathead County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/95 Estimate	7/1/94 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '95	% Change '90 to '94
Montana	870,281	856,057*	799,065	8.9%	7.1%
Flathead County	69,512	67,285*	59,218	17.4%	13.6%
Columbia Falls	Not Available	3,151	2,921	Not Available	7.9%
Kalispell	Not Available	13,214	11,917	Not Available	10.9%
Whitefish	Not Available	4,862	4,368	Not Available	11.3%

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Resources

Chamber of Commerce:

Bigfork Chamber, P. O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5888
Columbia Falls Chamber, P. O. Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2072
Kalispell Chamber, 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-6166
Lakeside Chamber, P. O. Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922, 406-844-3715
Westshore Chamber, 5557 Highway 93 S., Somers, MT 59932, 406-857-2042
Whitefish Chamber, P. O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3501

Department of Labor and Industry

Flathead Job Service

427 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-6200

Job Service Job Search Information Kiosk

Kalispell—Flathead Community College, 777 Grandview Drive

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the bureau at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication

Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
City of Kalispell Home Page—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities

Housing Costs:

Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®, 690 Meridian Road, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers Licensing

Kalispell—35 W. Reserve, 406-257-2127

Newspapers:

Bigfork Eagle, P. O. Box 406, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5131
Hungry Horse News, P. O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2151
Daily Inter Lake, P. O. Box 7610, Kalispell, MT 59904, 406-755-7000
Kalispell News, P. O. Box 9050, Kalispell, MT 59904, 406-755-6767
Whitefish Pilot, P. O. Box 488, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3505

Public Libraries:

Bigfork Branch Library, 51 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911-0472, 406-837-6976
Columbia Falls Branch Library, 130 6th St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912-2009, 406-892-5919
Flathead County Library System, 247 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901-4598, 406-758-5820
Marion Branch Library, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925-1048, 406-854-2333
Whitefish Branch Library, 406 E. 2nd Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937-2654, 406-862-6657

Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Community Colleges

Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-3822

Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bigfork Public Schools, P. O. Box 188, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-7400
Cayuse Prairie Elementary, 897 Lake Blaine Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-4562
Columbia Falls Public Schools, P. O. Box 1259, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-6550
Creston Elementary, 4495 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-2859
Deer Park Elementary, 2105 Middle Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-5388
Evergreen Elementary, 18 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-0101
Fair-Mont-Egan Elementary, 797 Fairmont Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-6445
Helena Flats Elementary, 1000 Helena Flats Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-257-2301
Kalispell Public Schools, 233 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-5015
Kila Elementary, P. O. Box 40, Kila, MT 59920, 406-257-2428
Marion Elementary, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925, 406-854-2333
Olney-Bissell Elementary, 5955 Farm To Market Road, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-2828
Pleasant Valley Elementary, 7975 Pleasant Valley Road, Marion, MT 59925, 406-858-2225
Smith Valley Elementary, 600 Batavia Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-4535
Somers Elementary, P. O. Box 159, Somers, MT 59932, 406-857-3301
Swan River Elementary, 1205 Swan Highway, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-6179
West Glacier Elementary, P. O. Box 308, West Glacier, MT 59936, 406-387-5976
West Valley Elementary, 2290 Farm To Market Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-7239
Whitefish Public Schools, 600 E. 2nd St., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-8640

Flathead County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 1995

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,686	27,273	Bldg Materials-Garden	47	480
PRIVATE BUSINESS	2,769	23,301	General Merchandise	11	663
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	74	291	Food Stores	52	924
Agri Production/Crops	6	69	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	74	721
Agri Production/Livestock	6	19	Apparel & Accessories	39	190
Agriculture Services	45	136	Furniture Stores	72	366
Forestry	14	65	Eating & Drinking	201	2,763
MINING	8	65	Miscellaneous Retail	156	754
Mining & Quarry Nonmetal	6	60	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	241	1,244
CONSTRUCTION	429	1,611	Banking	26	478
General Building	165	417	Credit Agencies	12	87
Heavy Construction	28	338	Security & Commodity	14	31
Special Trade	236	655	Insurance Carriers	19	93
MANUFACTURING	163	3,902	Insurance Agents	44	152
Food Products	10	112	Real Estate	120	377
Apparel	6	58	Holding & Investments	5	31
Lumber	92	1,763	SERVICES	922	7,438
Printing-Publishing	24	266	Hotels & Lodging	65	691
Chemicals	4	15	Personal Services	54	191
Stone-Clay-Glass	5	75	Business Services	114	1,011
Primary Metal	5	642	Auto Repair Services	73	351
Fabricated Metal	5	15	Miscellaneous Repair Services	35	121
Non Elect Mach	10	602	Motion Pictures	18	11
Transportation Equipment	3	54	Amusement & Recreation	61	89
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10	44	Health Services	161	2,491
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	146	1,047	Legal Services	54	161
Local Transportation	10	29	Educational Services	8	11
Trucking-Warehousing	74	449	Social Services	61	43
Water Transportation	3	13	Museums, Zoos Etc	8	2
Air Transportation	10	99	Membership Organizations	46	22
Transport Services	15	66	Engineering Services	100	32
Communication	17	213	Private Households	36	6
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	14	183	Miscellaneous Services	7	1
WHOLESALE TRADE	101	786	GOVERNMENT	117	3,671
Durable Goods	64	342	State	17	60
Nondurable Goods	37	454	Local	53	2,641
RETAIL TRADE	659	8,603	Federal	46	61

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Montana	\$3,524	\$8,728	\$14,741	\$15,772	\$16,555	\$17,635	\$17,794
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	82%	82%	85%	82%
Flathead County	\$3,393	\$9,020	\$14,983	\$15,950	\$16,965	\$17,970	\$18,410
% of National Average	84%	91%	80%	83%	84%	86%	85%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

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Annual Average Labor Force For Flathead County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
1970	14,209	13,209	1,000	7.0%
1971	14,623	13,612	1,011	6.9%
1972	15,832	14,697	1,135	7.2%
1973	16,673	15,505	1,168	7.0%
1974	17,714	16,073	1,641	9.3%
1975	17,742	15,925	1,817	10.2%
1976	19,013	17,281	1,732	9.1%
1977	21,124	19,282	1,842	8.7%
1978	22,930	21,114	1,816	7.9%
1979	23,469	21,925	1,544	6.6%
1980	23,339	21,408	1,931	8.3%
1981	24,131	21,695	2,436	10.1%
1982	24,637	21,453	3,184	12.9%
1983	26,518	23,726	2,792	10.5%
1984	28,973	26,724	2,249	7.8%
1985	29,937	27,413	2,524	8.4%
1986	29,554	26,910	2,644	8.9%
1987	29,567	27,126	2,441	8.3%
1988	29,703	27,076	2,627	8.8%
1989	30,564	28,232	2,332	7.6%
1990	30,299	28,010	2,289	7.6%
1991	31,029	28,179	2,850	9.2%
1992	32,590	29,872	2,718	8.3%
1993	34,522	32,014	2,508	7.3%
1994	35,669	33,269	2,400	6.7%
1995	35,613	32,702	2,911	8.2%

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Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data

Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	5,677	2,815	2,862
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	2,492	1,442	1,050
Professional Specialty Occupations	3,185	1,373	1,812
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	7,927	2,518	5,409
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	699	346	353
Sales Occupations	3,447	1,769	1,678
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	3,781	403	3,378
Service Occupations	4,378	1,370	3,008
Private Household Occupations	121	6	115
Protective Service Occupations	327	287	40
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	3,930	1,077	2,853
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,342	1,147	195
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	3,238	3,086	152
Mechanics and Repairers	1,171	1,157	14
Construction Trade	1,320	1,280	40
Extractive Occupations	18	18	0
Precision Production Occupations	729	631	98
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	5,049	4,290	759
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,702	1,389	313
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,902	1,734	168
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,445	1,167	278
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	139	49	90

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